

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of THOMAS/FENNER, Minors.

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No. 316748

Genesee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 09-126071-NA

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Before: RONAYNE KRAUSE, P.J., and FITZGERALD and WHITBECK, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Respondent S. Bush appeals as of right from a May 29, 2013, order removing the children from her home pending trial in this child protective proceeding. Respondent's appeal is limited to the order as it pertains only to the younger child. We dismiss the appeal as moot.

"As a general rule, an appellate court will not decide moot issues." *B P 7 v Bureau of State Lottery*, 231 Mich App 356, 359; 586 NW2d 117 (1998). "An issue is deemed moot when an event occurs that renders it impossible for a reviewing court to grant relief." *Id.* Respondent appeals a pretrial placement order entered on May 29, 2013. The child's pretrial placement lasted less than a week. The record indicates that the trial court conducted adjudicatory and dispositional hearings on June 4, 2013. After obtaining jurisdiction over the child, the trial court was required to redetermine the children's placement at the dispositional hearing. MCR 3.973(A). Disposition can include warning the parents and dismissing the petition, placing the children in their home under court supervision, or committing them to the Department of Human Services for placement. MCL 712A.18(1)(a), (b), and (d). If the court retains jurisdiction, it can order the parent to comply with a case service plan for reunification. MCR 3.973(F)(2). In this case, the trial court ordered out-of-home placement and respondent's participation in services. The trial court's dispositional decision is not before this Court. Because the child's placement has been resolved anew and is governed by the trial court's dispositional order rather than the pretrial placement order, it is impossible to afford respondent any relief for any alleged error in the pretrial placement decision. Accordingly, this appeal is moot.

Dismissed as moot.

/s/ Amy Ronayne Krause

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ William C. Whitbeck